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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sang Hoon Oh et al.
Serial No. : 09/871,570 Examiner: Marceau Milford
Filed : May 31, 2001 Group Art Unit: 2682
Title : COMPACT HANDS-FREE ADAPTER FOR USE WITH A
CELLULAR TELEPHONE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2003:

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 8, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1-35 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,588,041 to Meyer, Jr. et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,636,750 to Zurek et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested in view of the following.

The Examiner indicates that Meyer, Jr. et al. discloses a portable hands free adapter device, but does not disclose the feature of a housing containing the loudspeaker and microphone, the housing being approximately packet-sized; attenuation circuitry coupled to the loudspeaker and microphone; and sound insulation positioned between the loudspeaker and microphone, wherein the attenuation circuitry and sound insulation reduce howling sufficiently to enable use of the device as a speakerphone.